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Energy Sector

1. *September 23, Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* – (Alaska) **Usibelli to halt coal exports for rest of year.** Aurora Energy Services, a subsidiary of Usibelli Coal Mine, announced September 22 that it will halt coal exports for the remainder of 2015 due to a drop in global coal prices, and that the Seward Coal Landing Facility in Alaska will also remain idle due to a decrease in exports.
Source: http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/usibelli-to-halt-coal-exports-for-rest-of-year/article_156e0ae4-6195-11e5-84bc-b339fa6e9b4d.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *September 24, Monroe News* – (Michigan) **Fermi reactor to stay down for maintenance.** DTE Energy reported September 24 that the nuclear reactor at its Fermi 2 power plant in Newport will remain shut down for planned refueling and maintenance work following a September 13 manual shutdown after the plant's cooling system stopped working.
Source: <http://www.monroenews.com/news/2015/sep/24/fermi-reactor-stay-down-maintenance/>

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *September 23, U.S. Department of Labor* – (New Jersey) **Employees exposed to dangerous workplace hazards at Pennsauken aluminum services plant; company fined \$308K.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Delair-based Aluminum Shapes LLC for 44 violations September 23, including 1 willful violation involving damaged electrical equipment and damaged and malfunctioning pendant control boxes for a crane that were not clearly marked, among others. Proposed penalties total \$308,000.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28767

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

4. *September 24, WAFB 9 Baton Rouge* – (National) **Second person arrested in credit fraud scheme that stole 300 identities, \$5M.** A Carencro woman was arrested

September 22 for her alleged role in a nationwide financial fraud scheme that stole more than 300 identities and \$5 million by coordinating with forgers to create fake bank records while using stolen identities to get car loans.

Source: <http://www.wafb.com/story/30103537/ag-second-person-arrested-in-credit-fraud-scheme-that-stole-300-identities-5m>

5. *September 23, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **SEC charges two Philadelphia area men for defrauding friends and family in private equity fund.** Two suspects agreed to pay \$6.8 million to settle U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charges that the suspects allegedly solicited friends and family for investment funds which they diverted for personal expenses.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-204.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

6. *September 24, WDIV 4 Detroit* – (Illinois) **Southbound I-75 back open at 9 Mile in Hazel Park after fatal crash.** Southbound Interstate 75 at 9 Mile Road in Hazel Park reopened September 24 after being closed for several hours due to an accident that involved 2 vehicles and killed 1 person while injuring another.

Source: <http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/serious-injury-accident-on-sb-i75-near-9-mile-has-right-2-lanes-blocked/35454550>

7. *September 24, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **CHP closes lane on 5 Freeway after fatal crash.** The California Highway Patrol closed 3 lanes on the northbound 5 Freeway for several hours September 24 while crews investigated a 2-vehicle accident that killed 1 person.

Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/CHP-Closes-Lanes-5-Freeway-Fatal-Accident-329069381.html>

8. *September 24, WQAD 38 Moline* – (Illinois) **Westbound I-74 reopens north of Galesburg after 11 hour closure.** Westbound lanes of Interstate 74 near mile marker 39.5 reopened September 24 after it was shut down for approximately 11 hours while crews cleared the scene of an accident after a semi-truck lost control in a construction zone September 23. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://wqad.com/2015/09/23/i-74-traffic-backed-up-north-of-galesburg-illinois/>

9. *September 23, Phoenix Arizona Republic* – (Arizona) **5 inmates, driver hospitalized after Mesa police-van crash on U.S. 60.** The Arizona Department of Public Safety shut down westbound lanes of U.S. 60 in Mesa for about 6 hours September 23 while crews responded to an accident that involved a semi-truck and Mesa Police Department van carrying 15 inmates. Five inmates and a police detention officer were injured and taken to an area hospital.

Source: <http://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/tempe/breaking/2015/09/23/mesa-official-16-hurt-us-60-crash-involving-police-transport/72691556/>

Food and Agriculture Sector

10. *September 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Greencore, USA – Rhode Island, issues allergy alert due to the potential for undeclared almonds in Evolution Fresh Nonfat Greek Yogurt with Strawberry and Granola parfaits sold in 266 locations in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York, Connecticut, Vermont and Maine.** North Kingston, Rhode Island-based Greencore, USA Inc., issued a voluntary recall September 23 for approximately 379 pounds of its Evolution Fresh Nonfat Greek Yogurt with Strawberry and Granola parfaits packaged in 6.1-ounce containers after product checks revealed misbranding and undeclared almonds. The products were distributed to approximately 266 Starbucks retail stores in several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm464111.htm>

11. *September 24, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Maryland) **EPA settlement with Beltsville, Md. company improves oil spill prevention and protects Anacostia River.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced September 23 that Maryland-based Greenlight WVO LLC has come into compliance with oil spill prevention requirements to resolve EPA claims that the company was not adequately prepared to prevent or contain an oil spill, potentially leaving Beltsville residents and the Indian Creek vulnerable to a spill. The company also agreed to pay a penalty of \$40,000.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/4489CADBC2B8D3C185257EC9005F750A>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. *September 23, WCNC 36 Charlotte* – (South Carolina) **Sewer blockage leads to wastewater over into Lake Wylie.** Authorities reported September 23 that a sewer main blockage caused about 3,500 gallons of wastewater into a cove on Lake Wylie in Clover, South Carolina, prompting a no-swim advisory for the lake between Pine Point and Evergreen Roads. Officials are collecting water samples.

Source: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/2015/09/23/sewer-blockage-leads-to-wastewater-overflow-into-lake-wylie/72707956/>

13. *September 23, WDSU 6 New Orleans* – (Louisiana) **Boil-water advisory issued for east bank of Orleans Parish.** The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans issued a boil water advisory for the east bank of Orleans Parish after a power surge resulted in water pressure to drop at 14 monitoring stations.

Source: <http://www.wdsu.com/news/local-news/new-orleans/boilwater-advisory-issued-for-east-bank-of-orleans-parish/35451040>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

14. *September 24, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **US Compounding, Inc. issues voluntary nationwide recall of all sterile compounded products.** US

Compounding, Inc., issued a voluntary recall September 21 for all lots of its sterile products aseptically compounded and packed by the company due to concerns over a lack of sterility assurance. The products were distributed nationwide to patients, providers, and health care facilities, and the company urged users to discontinue use and quarantine any unused products.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm464071.htm>

Government Facilities Sector

15. *September 24, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (New Jersey) **EPA takes action against underground petroleum storage tank violations in Monmouth County, Middlesex County and Paterson, New Jersey.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced September 23 that it reached separate settlements with Monmouth County, Middlesex County, and Paterson, New Jersey, to settle alleged violations of Federal laws regarding the proper maintenance and operation of underground petroleum storage tanks. The city and counties will pay a cumulative \$341,240 in penalties and complete projects to install and bring underground tanks into full compliance with the law.

Source:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/A709876CD2BD10FD85257EC9005E8E5F>

16. *September 23, Columbia The State; Associated Press* – (South Carolina) **18 students transported to hospitals after school bus crash.** Eighteen Congaree Elementary School and Congaree-Wood Early Childhood Center students were transported to area hospitals for medical evaluations following an accident between their school bus and another vehicle in Lexington County, South Carolina, September 23.

Source: <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/crime/article36286482.html>

17. *September 23, WMAQ 5 Chicago* – (Illinois) **3 northwest suburban schools evacuated after Legionella bacteria found.** Gifford Street High School, Larkin High, the Central Office, and Eastview Middle School were evacuated and closed September 23 after higher than normal levels of Legionella bacteria was detected in an HVAC system's cooling towers during annual air quality testing. Officials ordered all 19 cooling systems to be sanitized and no illnesses were reported.

Source: <http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Larkin-High-School-in-Elgin-Evacuated-for-Bacteria-328845331.html>

18. *September 23, NBC News* – (California) **Fourth body found in California's Valley Fire, as seven now dead in blazes.** At least 7 people have been killed in 3 wildfires burning in California, including the Valley Fire, which has burned over 118 square miles and destroyed nearly 2,000 structures, the Butte Fire which has burned about 110 square miles and destroyed 475 homes, and the 1,000-acre Tassajara Fire, which has destroyed 12 homes.

Source: <http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/western-wildfires/fourth-body-found-after-californias-valley-fire-7-now-dead-n432536>

19. *September 23, Terrell Tribune* – (Texas) **Update on Furlough Middle School fire.** Students and staff at Furlough Middle School in Texas were evacuated and all classes and school activities were cancelled following a September 23 fire that began in a second floor restroom. Authorities are investigating the cause of the fire and classes were scheduled to resume September 24.
Source: http://www.terrelltribune.com/community/article_3aa54860-6238-11e5-b483-23d2b46194c4.html

Emergency Services Sector

20. *September 23, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Inmate escapes from Sylmar prison camp.** Authorities are searching for an inmate who escaped from Holton Conservation Camp in Los Angeles September 22, where he was serving as an inmate firefighter.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/inmate-escapes-from-sylmar-prison-camp/998448/>

For additional stories, see items [9](#) and [23](#)

Information Technology Sector

21. *September 24, IDG News Service* – (International) **Ransomware pushers up their game against small businesses.** TrendMicro researchers released analysis revealing that 67 percent of users who clicked on links in CryptoWall and 40 percent who clicked links in TorrentLocker ransomware-related emails were from small and medium businesses in June and July, attributing the percentage to social engineering and a lack of safeguards compared to larger organizations.
Source: http://www.networkworld.com/article/2985823/ransomware-pushers-up-their-game-against-small-businesses.html#tk.rss_all
22. *September 23, Softpedia* – (International) **Security researcher exposes potentially dangerous privacy flaw in iOS-iTunes connections.** A security researcher discovered a privacy-related flaw in iOS and iTunes in which an attacker with physical access to a device could create a backup and potentially access sensitive information simply by accepting the device as “Trusted” in iTunes.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/security-researcher-exposes-potentially-dangerous-privacy-flaw-in-ios-itunes-connections-492580.shtml>

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Communications Sector

23. *September 24, WNCT 10 Greenville* – (North Carolina) **Repair complete, widespread outage continues for CenturyLink landlines on Ocracoke Island.** CenturyLink reported that 1,093 customers in the Ocracoke Island experienced a network outage affecting landlines September 23 due to failed equipment at the New Bern Central Office. Crews are working on repairs and 9-1-1 service was reportedly affected. Source: <http://wnct.com/2015/09/23/widespread-outage-on-ocracoke-island-for-centurylink-landlines/>
24. *September 23, KYUK 640 AM Bethel* – (Alaska) **Thousands face Internet and phone outage in Western Alaska.** A GCI technician reported that customers in Nome, Kotzebue, and Bethel experienced Internet and phone outages September 23 following an error due to a damaged microwave radio. Crews repaired the damage and service was restored. Source: <http://kyuk.org/thousands-facing-internet-and-phone-outage-in-western-alaska/>

Commercial Facilities Sector

25. *September 24, KFOR 4 Oklahoma City* – (Oklahoma) **Fire at Oklahoma City apartment complex forces residents to jump from second story.** A 3-alarm fire at the Brookwood Village apartment complex in Oklahoma City September 23 displaced about 12 families from 16 damaged apartment units, leaving about \$500,000 in total loss to the building. Two people were injured and officials are investigating the cause of the fire. Source: <http://kfor.com/2015/09/24/fire-at-oklahoma-city-apartment-complex-forces-residents-to-jump-from-second-story/>
26. *September 23, KABC 7 Los Angeles* – (California) **Massive fire destroys 8 businesses at Monterey Park strip mall.** A Monterey Park strip mall in California sustained extensive damage September 23 after a 4-alarm fire destroyed 8 businesses and damaged 3 others, and prompted the closure of surrounding roads while nearly 50 firefighters remained on site for several hours putting out the blaze. Officials are evaluating the total amount of damage and believe that the fire began inside a toy store. Source: <http://abc7.com/news/fire-destroys-8-businesses-at-monterey-park-strip-mall/998168/>
27. *September 23, Long Island Newsday* – (New York) **Home Depot cashiers charged with making fraudulent credit card transactions, police say.** New York officials reported that two cashiers at the Hempstead Home Depot were arrested and charged September 22 with third-degree grand larceny after an investigation revealed that the employees allegedly conducted more than \$200,000 worth of fraudulent credit card transactions by purchasing Home Depot and Visa gift cards from June – August using stolen information. Source: <http://www.newsday.com/long-island/nassau/frederick-harris-jr-steve-kerr-charged-with-making-fraudulent-credit-card-transactions-cops-say-1.10880997?qr=1>

Dams Sector

28. *September 23, Sacramento Bee* – (California) **Sudden loss of water in Lassen County reservoir.** Pacific Gas & Electric Co., officials reported that the cause of the Mountain Meadows Reservoir in Westwood's sudden loss of water during the week of September 14 was due to four years of drought.

Source: <http://www.sacbee.com/news/state/california/water-and-drought/article36313068.html>



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